Failure of IDSMT Scheme

2361. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prestigious centrally sponsored scheme—the Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns launched in 1979-80 to develop small and medium towns for generating employment so as to arrest migration to big cities has proved failure and it is proposed to abandon it;

(b) if so, the details of the evaluation of the scheme made; and

(c) the alternative plans drawn up to achieve the purposes of the original scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. This Ministry has entrusted evaluation study of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) scheme to the Regional Centres of Urban and Environmental Studies, Lucknow, Mumbai and Hyderabad and they have been requested to complete the study by September, 2002.

Allotment of Government accommodation on medical ground

2362. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a provision to allot Government accommodation on medical grounds to the Government servants whose dependant mother or father are orthopaedically handicapped;

(b) if so, the prescribed guidelines for allotment of Government accommodation on medical grounds to such Government servants;

(c) how many Government servants have applied under the orthopaedically handicapped quota for self or dependant mother or father in the last three years; and

(d) how many Government accommodations have been allotted on medical grounds and how many applications have been rejected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per the policy guidelines dated 17.11.1997, on medical grounds, the allotment including ground floor/central area can be made in the case of Government servants and their spouses, dependant children and dependant parents suffering from Tuberculosis, Cancer, Heart ailments and other disabilities including orthopaedical disabilities where the degree of handicap is 40% and above.

Other life threatening diseases or serious disabilities causing permanent impairment are also considered. However, where disability of dependant parents is the sole ground for asking for discretionary allotment, the Committee duly constituted for the purpose for considering medical cases are expected to carefully consider the facts and circumstances alongwith merits of each case. The Committee will consider allotments in the next below category (except Type A & B where entitled type is allotted). Such allotments form part of the 5% discretionary quota.

(c) 154 requests were received from Government servants in the years 1999, 2000 and 2001 for discretionary allotment of Government accommodation under the orthopaedically handicapped quota for self or dependant mother or father.

(d) A total of 134 allotments have been made in the years 1999, 2000 and 2001 for various categories of diseases coming under medical grounds including orthopaedically handicapped and 130 cases during the period have been rejected.